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IN TOOLS USED FOR DESIGNING
PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICES**

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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action made final mailed June 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.